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SUBJ: POLYTECHNION INVESTIGATION CONCLUDED;

TORTURE INQUIRY PROCEEDS

REF: ATHENS 7342

1. ATHENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY DIMITRIS TSEVAS HAS COMPLETED MONTH-LONG INVESTIGATION OF POLYTECHNION UPRISING AND HANDED OVER A FIFTY PAGE SUMMATION OF HIS FINDINGS TO THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF ATHENS OCTOBER 15. SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE FINDINGS, BUT PRESS SPECULATION IS THAT FORMER JUNTA LEADERS GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS AND DIMITRIOS IOANNIDES, AMONG OTHERS, HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED IN CRIMINAL ACTS AND THAT THEIR INDICTMENT WILL FOLLOW.

2. THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL PRESS INTEREST IN THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION OF TORTURE BY JUNTA AGENTS AGAINST POLITICAL PRISONERS. AFTER A SLOW RESPONSE FROM POTENTIAL WITNESSES (REFTEL), DISTRICT ATTORNEY VASSILIOS PAPPAS HAS FOUND A NUMBER OF WITNESSES WHOSE STORIES OF PHYSICAL MISTREATMENT MAKE VIVID COPY. ON BASIS PUBLIC RECORD JUNTA INTERROGATORS APPEAR TO HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPEATED TECHNIQUES SO THAT WITNESSES' EXPERIENCES

ARE REPETITIVE. ONE OF MORE INTERESTING
REVELATIONS IS EXTENT TO WHICH FORMER ESA RECRUITS WERE
THEMSELVES SUBJECTED TO CONSIDERABLE PHYSICAL ABUSE
AS MEANS OF REFINING THEIR TECHNIQUES OF
INFLECTING ABUSE ON OTHERS.

3. WITH POLYTECHNION REPORT IN HAFD AND TORTURE INVES-
TIGATION CAPABLE OF BEING CONCLUDED ANY DAY, CARAMANLIS
HAS TWO HIGH CARDS IN HIS HANDS. HE CAN INFLUENCE
POLITICAL BEHAVIOR OF EXTREME RIGHT BY MERELY
THREATENING TO DISCLOSE OFFICIAL FINDINGS. HE WILL GAIN
GENERAL SUPPORT WHEN HE DOES RELEASE FINDINGS, ASSUMING
THEY CONFIRM POPULAR JUDGMENT AGAINST JUNTISTS.
SOME POLITICAL COMMENTATORS BELIEVE PM MAY WAIT UNTIL
JUST BEFORE ELECTION TO UNLEASH GOVERNMENT'S CASE
AGAINST VARIOUS PROMINENT JUNTA PERSONALITIES. THE LEFT
APPEARS PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT THE ELECTORAL IMPACT
OF THIS EVENTUALITY. THE RIGHT IS ANXIOUS FOR PERSONAL
REASONS SINCE SOME OF ITS OWN SUPPORTERS COULD BE
INVOLVED.
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